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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Missouri Certified Sites Program Moving Forward



The Missouri Certified Sites program is moving right along! The program committee has met several times and is currently reviewing the first two applications submitted. The purpose of the Missouri Certified Sites program is to provide consistent standards regarding the availability and development potential of commercial or industrial development sites. Missouri Certified Sites standards have been developed through partnerships with the Missouri Economic Development Council, AmerenUE, Empire Electric, KCP&L, Missouri Electric Cooperatives and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Application materials for the Missouri Certified Sites program, as well as a Resource Guide that includes instructions on how to find required information, samples and attachments, can be found at [Missouri Certified Sites](#). Questions about the Missouri Certified Sites program can be directed to [Joel McNutt](#) at (573) 522-6704.

Chillicothe, Trenton Receive Housing Funds

The Missouri Housing Development Commission has awarded \$286,000 in housing funds to the Green Hills Community Action Agency for housing rehabilitation in the area. Chillicothe and Trenton each received \$110,000 and \$66,000 was designated for homes in nine other counties served by the agency. [Read more...](#)



Hannibal Sees Benefits from MHDC Funding



Homeowners in Hannibal, who have been able to take advantage of the HeRo (Home Repair Opportunity) program, are beginning to see benefits. The North East Community Action Corp. has received \$119,000 from the Missouri Housing Development Commission, through the HeRo program, that will allow work to be undertaken at five homes in the Hannibal area. [Read more...](#)

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Perryville, Cape Girardeau Awarded Housing Funds

Perryville and Cape Girardeau residents have received a boost for housing and home repairs from the Missouri Housing Development Commission. Perryville received funding to build a new 36-unit housing complex for the elderly and Cape's funding will be utilized for rehabilitation of homes owned by low- to moderate-income owners. [Read more...](#)



Center of Creative Arts Receives \$25,000 from Monsanto



The Monsanto Fund has donated \$25,000 to the Center of Creative Arts in St. Louis to support the center's Urban Arts Art & Technology Program. The free program provides computer-based art instruction designed to foster students' literacy, creativity and technological skills. [Read more...](#)

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Gov.-Elect Nixon Names DED Director



Missouri Gov.-Elect Jay Nixon named Linda Martinez, a Bryan Cave lawyer and tax credit expert, as his economic development director this week. Martinez, 54, has been a member of the Bryan Cave law firm in St. Louis since 1982, specializing her practice in financial and development transactions. She's the first woman ever named to the position. (Photo Credit : Christopher Tritto, *St. Louis Business Journal*). [Read more...](#)

Linda Martinez: Community-Minded

Linda Martinez, an attorney who specializes in finances, is Gov.-Elect Jay Nixon's nominee for director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. She has developed a thriving legal practice in real estate development finance, including the use of federal, state and local incentives, and has worked for 26 years advising businesses about tax credits, tax-exempt financing and other economic development tools. "It's gratifying to go around the community and say, 'I touched this deal. I helped make this happen,'" Martinez said. She took premed courses at the University of Missouri-Columbia, but instead of medical school, she chose law school at Washington University and has been with the Bryan Cave law firm her entire career. (Photo credit: Christopher Tritto, *St. Louis Business Journal*) [Read more...](#)



Women's Council Exhibit Honors Women Who Have Shaped Missouri's History

Linn State Technical College will sponsor an exhibit that honors the historic achievements of Missouri women who have helped shape the history of the Show-Me State. The exhibit, "Outstanding Missouri Women," presented by the Missouri Women's Council, features more than 60 Missouri women who have made a difference through their leadership, dedication, and courage.



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Missouri Schools Named in *Kiplinger's* "Best Values in Public Colleges"



Three Missouri colleges have been named to *Kiplinger's* 2008-09 list of "[100 Best Values in Public Colleges.](#)" Schools are ranked on a combination of outstanding academic quality and an affordable price tag, and are selected from more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Airports Receive \$19M in Federal Grants

Several Missouri airports will receive federal funding from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program for infrastructure and maintenance. The grants are made available by using taxes from airline tickets, aircraft fuel and international departures. [Read more...](#)



Missouri Senior Report 2008



As the baby boom generation ages, their values and life experiences will influence Missourians' needs for resources. The Missouri Senior Report, prepared by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and University of Missouri Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis (OSED), is a report to provide state and local policy makers, service providers, and families information to plan for the impact of an increasingly older Missouri. [Read more...](#)

Missouri Ranks High in Academic Research and Development

In 2006, Missouri ranked 16th nationally in dollars granted for academic research and development. Missouri's academic researchers were allocated \$900 million for research and development, up from \$893 million in 2005. Among border states, only Illinois ranked higher in academic research and development funding. [Read more...](#)



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Three Missouri Not-For-Profit Organizations Receive \$547,370 in NAP Tax Credits

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has approved \$547,370 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits for three Missouri not-for-profit organizations. Church Army Branson, Branson, has been approved for \$47,370; Enhancements, Inc., Potosi, has been approved for \$250,000; and Better Family Life, Inc., St. Louis, has been approved for \$250,000 in NAP tax credits.

Village of Bethel Receives \$97,958 CDBG Funding

The village of Bethel has been approved for a \$97,958 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The grant will be utilized for a wastewater system improvement project.

\$440,000 CDBG Funding for Wright County

Wright County has been approved for a \$440,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The grant will be utilized for a wastewater system improvement project.

Numbers Show Doubling in Career Center Traffic

The latest workforce performance report compiled by the [Division of Workforce Development](#) confirms the escalation in people turning to Missouri Career Centers for help. The report shows that since June, Missouri's workforce system has experienced a 41 percent increase in Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimant traffic (persons seeking UI filing assistance and re-employment services) within the 43 career centers statewide. Missouri Career Centers have experienced a 100 percent increase in UI traffic seeking assistance and services compared to two years ago. DWD continues to work with Career Centers to find strategies to deal with the sharp increases while maintaining quality of services.

Workforce Conference Solicits Presentations

The [Missouri Association for Workforce Development](#)

(MAWD) is soliciting proposals for workshops at its spring conference, May 13-15, 2009 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. With an expected attendance of over 200, the conference is a great opportunity for workforce development practitioners to share their expertise and best practices, while networking with other professionals in the workforce system.

ACI Plastics to Consolidate at New Kansas City Facility

ACI Plastics & Manufacturing will consolidate its operations by moving to a new facility in Kansas City. The company will spend \$4.5 million on renovations and new equipment at the new location, which will house ACI's Plastics Sales and Manufacturing, SunGlo and Fantastik Plastiks divisions. [Read more...](#)

Biosciences Research Park Planned for Blue Springs

Local officials in Blue Springs have been working with the University of Missouri to develop plans for a new 500-acre biosciences research park on land east of the Adams Dairy Parkway interchange along I-70. The Blue Springs Economic Development Corp., the city of Blue Springs and Kansas City Power and Light are providing seed funding for the project, referred to as the Missouri Innovation Park at Blue Springs.

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Filming of Major Motion Picture Coming to St. Louis

Hollywood star, George Clooney, along with actress Vera Farmiga, will be starring in "Up in the Air," a large movie project that will be filmed in the St. Louis area beginning this month. Production could take up to five months, and the St. Louis Film Office estimates the movie could

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\$202,068 in NAP Tax Credits for St. Louis Organization

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has approved \$202,068 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits for a St. Louis not-for-profit organization. Society of St. Vincent de Paul will utilize the NAP tax credits for its Good Works Program.

Grandview Business Receives \$201,858 in EEZ Tax Credits

Prier Products, Inc. has been approved for state tax credits from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) under the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program to assist in the creation of at least 54 new jobs and \$7.3 million in new investment in Grandview.

\$815,546 in Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credits for O’Fallon Organizations

SMI Landlord, LLC, and SMI SNF Landlord, LLC, of O’Fallon have been approved for up to \$815,546 in remediation tax credits from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) through the Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

Presentation topics include Job Seeker Services, Business Services, Program Planning/Management, and Technology and Personal Development. Proposals are due by January 26. For more information, contact [Rita Holtmeyer](#) with the Division of Workforce Development.

have an economic impact of up to \$50 million for the region. [Read more...](#)

MU Helps Companies Cut Costs and CO2 Emissions

Mizzou’s Environmental Assistance Center (EAC) is seeking companies interested in hiring a pollution prevention intern during summer 2009. The center trains upper level engineering students to help companies cut energy use, improve environmental performance, advance company sustainability goals, and save money. Application deadline is Jan. 30, 2009, for companies seeking an intern.

[Read more...](#)

\$47,181 in EEZ Tax Credits, \$1.5 Million in New Investment for St. Joseph Business

AmeriPac, Inc. has been approved for state tax credits from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) under the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program to assist in the creation of new jobs and \$1.5 million in new investment in St. Joseph.

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Register now for Customs Compliance Seminar, Jan. 14



The International Trade Council of Greater Kansas City is presenting a Customs Compliance Seminar: "The ROI of Getting it Right," on January 14, 2009 at The Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City. The seminar will focus on methods and strategies which may assist companies in

demonstrating the relevance and Return on Investment (ROI) of compliance, the costs involved in setting up a program, and the financial benefits to be expected once a viable program is established. Registration deadline is Monday, January 12. [Read more...](#)

Workshop: Understanding "International Freight Insurance"

If you are involved in or considering international commerce and want to make sure your products are received and shipped correctly and smoothly, don't miss this important workshop on understanding "International Freight Insurance." The Greater Ozarks International Trade Association will co-host this event on January 27, 2009 at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Bill Foster Room. [Read more...](#)



2009 GLOBE (Global Leadership Opportunities for Business Executives) Applications Available



Applications are now being accepted for the next GLOBE class presented by the World Trade Center of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. The 2009 GLOBE (Global Leadership Opportunities for Business Executives) program is a unique nine-month training program designed for international executives to build upon their international methods and practices of conducting global business. Application deadline is January 30,

2009. [Application form...](#) [Read more...](#)